(b) whether one of the major reasons for the delay in finalizing the agreement was the lack of consensus over the tariff fixation model which has been sorted out; and

(c) if so, the extent this model agreement would help to boost private funding imports?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government is in the process of finalising a new Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for Private Sector Projects in the Major Ports which will replace the existing Model License Agreement.

(c) The new MCA is expected to strengthen the framework for an open and transparent environment for the development and operation of port facilities by private investors and enhance their bankability.

Expressways in the country

†1885. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that need is being felt for comprehensive improvement in the roadways for better management of traffic in the country;

(b) if so, whether development of roads as "Expressways" is also included in the said improvements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total length of the roads which are proposed to be converted into Expressways till date in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government as a part of the comprehensive development of National Highways has approved construction of 1000 km of expressways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Phase-VI at a cost of Rs. 16680 crores on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The section of Vadodara-Mumbai (400 km) has already been identified and the other 600 km would be identified out of the potential corridors of Delhi-Chandigarh (249 kms), Bangalore-Chennai (334 kms), Delhi-Jaipur (261 kms), Delhi-Meerut (66 Kms), Kolkata-Dhanbad (277 kms) and Delhi-Agra (200 kms). In addition, construction of 134 km of eastern peripheral expressway around Delhi has been approved by the Central Government.

Interceptor to control traffic violations

1886. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has introduced a technology "Interceptor" on the highways to track down overloading/over-speeding/drunken driving;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi